

Humorous Department.

His Business.—A young man called at the house of a celebrated diagnostician and asked to see the doctor. "Have you an appointment?" the office nurse asked.

"No, I haven't," the young man replied. The nurse consulted the doctor's appointment list.

"I think I can work you in after the next patient leaves," she said, "so please go inside that room and take your clothes off."

"Take my clothes off?" the young man exclaimed. "What for?"

"The doctor has made it an absolute rule not to see anybody unless that is done," the nurse said firmly.

"But I don't want to take my clothes off," the young man insisted.

"Then, I am sorry, but you can't see the doctor," the nurse said.

"Well, if that's the case, I'm game," the young man said.

A few moments later the doctor entered the room and found the young man awaiting him stark naked.

"Well, sir," the doctor said, "what seems to be your trouble?"

"Do you," the young man replied, "I called to see if you would renew my wife's subscription to the Ladies' Home Journal."

Just Shot Her.—James J. Montague's favorite story is that of a cow puncher who married the school teacher in a small Wyoming town. Immediately after the wedding they left town on horseback to take up their residence in a ranch house some 40 miles away in a wild cow country.

A year later one of the wedding guests met the bridegroom in the same small town.

"Hello, Bill," the wedding guest said. "How's the wife?"

"Ain't you heard?" the cow puncher asked.

"Heard what?" the friend inquired in return.

"Why, you know that day we got married and started to ride out to the ranch house," the cow puncher explained, "my wife fell off of her horse and broke her leg. We was twenty miles from a doctor, too."

"Ain't that terrible?" the friend exclaimed.

"You bet your life it was terrible," the cow puncher said sadly.

"What did you do?" the friend asked.

"What could I do?" the cow puncher replied. "I shot her."

Just Needed a Shave.—One of A. H. Woods's company managers had been troubled by a member of a troupe who never went to bed till daybreak, and consequently every Saturday and Wednesday matinee, the curtain had to be held for him until he was routed out of his belated slumbers by fellow actors and literally dragged over to the theater. At last the manager himself went over to the hotel room one matinee day, and of course the actor was asleep. The manager shook him by the shoulder and proceeded to lecture him roundly.

"You're ruining your prospects, and what's more you're ruining your health," the manager said. "Here's your hand mirror. Just look at yourself. You're a wreck."

By mistake, however, the manager handed him a hairbrush instead of the mirror, but the actor was too sleepy to notice it. He turned the hairbrush around and critically examined the bristles.

"I look all right," he said, "barring that I need a shave."

Various Stages.—In the days when a condition of drunkenness could be acquired at much less expense it with no greater ease than today, the late Colonel Ingersoll was cross-examining a witness who stated on direct examination that the defendant was intoxicated.

"At what state of intoxication was he when you saw him?" the colonel asked.

The opposing attorney objected to Colonel Ingersoll's question upon the ground that the law recognized only sobriety and intoxication, and that there was no such phenomena as stages of intoxication.

"If your honor please," Colonel Ingersoll said, "I submit that there are five distinct stages of intoxication. They are as follows: the jocular, the bellicose, the morose, the lachrymose, and the comatose."

The court directed the witness to answer the question.

Untrustworthy.—An old Scots seaman who had lost his discharge papers applied for a job on a wind jammer, but was rejected in favor of a seaman whose papers were in order. Before the vessel sailed, however, one of her hands failed to show up, so the old salt who had lost his discharge papers was taken on at the last moment.

One day in mid-ocean, the seaman whose discharge papers were in order, was sitting on a sling with a bucket of tar painting the side of the vessel, and the poor fellow went overboard, bucket, tar and all.

The old salt who had lost his discharge papers broke the news to the captain.

"Captain," he said, "you know that man with the papers?"

"Yes," the captain said, "what of him?"

"Well, he's just gone off with your bucket," the old salt replied.

Shaking Afterwards.—When the nurse entered, her boy patient was in a furious fit of writhing convulsions. "What's the matter?" she cried anxiously.

"I forgot," replied the boy, "to shake the bottle before taking the medicine."

THE ISLAND OF CORSICA

One of France's Excuses for a Larger Navy.

COUNTRY FULL OF ROMANTIC INTEREST

Idea That the People are Savage is all a Mistake—No Paupers in the Land, and Very Few Who are Very Rich—Liberty is Still Highly Prized.

Corsica is one of the Mediterranean reasons advanced by France in her claim that her navy was necessary to defend her possessions in three seas. The following bulletin concerning Corsica, from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society, is based on notes by Clifton R. Adams, recently returned from this island department of France:

"Few people know Corsica as more than a little island, the birthplace of the Emperor Napoleon and the home of an almost savage race. But today, because it is so little known, it is one of the most delightful corners of the earth.

A Medley of Races. So many races have fought for it in the obscure centuries that the present day Corsican is a mixture, exhibiting many of the racial traits of the adventurers from Tyre and Phoenicia, the Goth, Vandal, Moor and Saracen as well as the Roman, Genoese and Pisan of the later centuries.

"The love of liberty is still strong and in some of the smaller mountain towns the older men say that they never ceased fighting for independence until after August 15, 1789 when the island was formally declared a French possession. By a strange prank of fate Napoleon Bonaparte was born on that day in the beautiful little port of Ajaccio, with its orange and almond groves, its mimosa trees and its graceful palms.

The Hero of Corsica. During the struggles of later years Pasquale Paoli appeared as the leader of the Corsicans against the oppression of Genoa and while he in turn was forced to submit to the rule of France he is considered the real hero of Corsica and his picture can be seen in many a mountain home to this day. His tomb is the shrine of Corsica. Tales still are told of his simplicity and scorn of luxury. After he was made a general, so runs one of these stories, his brother thought it more befitting his dignity that glass windows should be put in his home. Pasquale broke every pane declaring, 'I do not mean to live like a duke in my father's house, but like a Corsican born.'

"Because the 'Vendetta' was organized in these stirring times as a protective measure the world of the present believes the Corsicans to be a savage people, vindictive and vengeful, and that bandits and robbers abound in the mountain fastnesses. Today the Corsican is a milder man, often very poor, always kindly, honest and hospitable to travelers. It is a matter of native pride that no beggars are to be found in Corsica.

"Not to be outdone by other larger cities, Calvi on the north east of Corsica claims the birthplace of the great discoverer Columbus. Bastia is an important port on the northeast part near Cape Corso and opposite Italy. Ajaccio, the capital, is the most charming city of all the island and lies on the beautiful Gulf of Ajaccio to the southwest.

Roads to Remote Places. There are few towns or cities to compare with these two except Calvi, Sartene and Bonifacio and a few little mountain towns along the shore railroad line which connects the principal ports. The 'routes nationales' are excellent highways and penetrate to the most inaccessible mountain villages. Automobiles have their machines brought over from the continent on the little steamers which ply to and from the island to France and Italy. Hotels are not so comfortable as those of the mainland but each year since the war travelers have been coming in increasing numbers and hotels are improving.

"Mountains are the wonder of the island. It has been called the Switzerland of the Mediterranean on account of the long ranges of rugged peaks, snow capped the year round. The climate is adjustable and the traveler can stop where best suited. From sea level up to about 1,800 feet there is the climate of Italy and Spain with vegetation such as citrus fruits, small grain and vegetables. Between 1,800 feet and five thousand feet is the cooler climate such as is found in the lower Pyrenees or Provence. Here grow the olive and almond trees and the cork oak from which come the bark for cork products. Higher than 5,000 feet is the climate of the Alps or Scandinavia. Here are magnificent state forests of high pine trees or magnificent chestnuts or graceful beech and birch.

Many Sheep and Goats. Because of the lack of labor and capital there are few exports and these are confined to wool, cork, wine, olive oil, charcoal, briar wood piper and big timbers suitable for building from the forests. Sheep and goats are to be found in great flocks in the mountains and the thrifty peasant has his clothing and food from them. In the swift flowing mountain streams are many varieties of fish and wild boar and mountain sheep can be found in the dense forests in the higher altitudes.

"In the next few years the traveler to whom comfort is not such a consideration will be attracted to this island wonderland. The best season for a visit is during May and June when the thick covering of low shrubs called 'maquis' is in bloom and the whole island is a mass of many colored flowers. The perfume can be smelled many miles out to sea.

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HOW SLEEPY JOHN WAS CURED

By JAMES HENRY RICE, Jr.

There were two of them, both named John; but they had long been distinguished in the community as "Sleepy John" and "Lazy John." Our business is with Sleepy John, who was an inveterate fisherman. He fished for catfish with set hooks. The way of it was, that Sleepy John would go down to the river, crawl out on a sloping willow tree, put his poles under each leg, then lean back against a big limb and doze. Whenever he got a bite, he would reach down for the pole, land his fish and string him; then he dozed again. All through the day Sleepy John would sit in a split-bottomed chair, tilted against the house or a tree, and sleep. That was his joy of living.

In the community there was a reckless character, always into some wild prank. Besides he drank much rum, all he could get, in fact.

He also was a fisherman, but of a different type; for he fished in the day time, and by preference close to a mill dam. One day, while in a boat, he got too close to the dam and the falling water caught the boat and sent it down into the whirling depths. The boat came up a half mile down the river. The man did not come up.

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